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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL DIALOG AND THE CIA "WHITE PAPER"

REF: WARSAW 7329

1. DURING CONVERSATION OVER LUNCH ON AUGUST 24, EUR/EE DIRECTOR (SCHMIDT) RAISED SUBJECT OF RECENTLY RELEASED CIA RESEARCH PAPER ("THE SCOPE OF POLAND'S ECONOMIC DILEMMA") WITH POLISH EMBASSY DCM PAWLISZEWSKI. LATTER SAID HE HAD NOT YET SEEN THE PAPER BUT HAD SEEN REFERENCE TO IT IN "US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT". HE SAID HE KNEW POLISH BANKERS WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IT.

2. SCHMIDT SAID PAPER WAS DONE "IN-HOUSE" IN CIA. THE DEPARTMENT HAD NO IDEA THAT IT WAS BEING PREPARED AND HAD NOT REVIEWED OR CLEARED IT IN ANY WAY. STATE, COMMERCE, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES HAD CONSIDERED WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ATTEMPT TO OFFSET THE EFFECT OF THE REPORT. WHILE SOME PERSONS HAD SUGGESTED THAT A SENIOR USG OFFICIAL SHOULD VOLUNTEER A STATEMENT, SCHMIDT SAID HE FELT THAT WOULD ONLY SERVE TO FOCUS MORE PRESS ATTENTION ON THE REPORT.

3. PAWLISZEWSKI SAID HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE

MATTER QUICKLY AND QUIETLY DIED AWAY.

4. IN THIS CONTEXT, SCHMIDT SAID WE WANTED TO REASSURE THE POLISH GOVERNMENT THAT THE CIA REPORT BEARS NO CONNECTION TO THE SPECIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM THE GOP. WE WERE CONTINUING TO HOLD THE INFORMATION EXTREMELY CLOSELY. HE NOTED THAT DURING VICE MINISTER BIEN'S RECENT VISIT (SEPTEL), BIEN HAD RECONFIRMED THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSMITTAL OF THE INFORMATION. CHRISTOPHER

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